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DOD FOR ASD/COMPTROLLER; CINCPAC ALSO FOR GAO SHELEY

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SUBJECT: REVIEW: "LOCAL EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND
RETIREMENT PLANS."

REF: A) STATE 111003 (NOTAL)
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1. SUMMARY: DEPTOFFS MET WITH SENATE APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE (DEFENSE S/C) STAFF MAY 25 TO REQUEST DEFERRAL OF
GAO LOCAL LABOR STUDY IN VIEW OF ADVERSE IMPACT SUCH ACTION
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WOULD HAVE ON CURRENT LABOR COST-SHARING NEGOTIATIONS.
SAC STAFFERS AGREED TO DEFER GAO EFFORT UNTIL AT LEAST LATE
1977, BUT EMPHASIZED SERIOUSNESS OF LOCAL LABOR COST
PROBLEM AND NEED FOR TIMELY GAO INPUT. STAFF REQUESTS
EMBASSY COMMENT BY LATE JUNE REGARDING COUNTRY TEAM'S
ASSISTING GAO TO COMPLETE SUCH A STUDY. END SUMMARY.

2. IN VIEW OF SERIOUS PROBLEMS GAO LABOR STUDY EFFECT WOULD CREATE, DEPTOFFS REQUESTED APPOINTMENT MAY 25 TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF POSTPONING SUCH A STUDY UNTIL LATER

IN YEAR WHEN OUTCOME OF LABOR COST-SHARING NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE CLEARER. DEPTOFFS MET WITH STAFFERS RICHARD LIEBERMAN AND DAN HOYLE, STRESSING THAT DEPARTMENT, LONG CONSCIOUS OF LABOR COST PROBLEM, HAD RECENTLY COOPERATED WITH GAO ON DEFENSE COST-SHARING REPORT (DUE OUT SHORTLY) AND NEEDED REASONABLE TIME TO ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT SOMETHING WITH GOJ. WE ALSO USED ARGUMENTS PROVIDED BY EMBASSY AND COMUS/JAPAN (REFTELS) IN URGING POSTPONEMENT OF GAO LABOR STUDY. DEPTOFFS ALSO NOTED THAT NEW AMBASSADOR SHOULD NOT HAVE TO FACE DIFFICULT SITUATION RE COST-SHARING NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE HE HAS HAD TIME TO READ HIMSELF INTO THE ISSUE. DEPTOFFS AGREED THAT GAO STUDY MIGHT PRODUCE SOME USEFUL DATA AND ALTERNATIVES WORTHY OF STUDY, BUT WARNED THAT NOW WOULD BE WORST POSSIBLE TIMING FOR GAO INVOLVEMENT.

3. STAFFERS EMPHASIZED: A) EXTREMELY SERIOUS NATURE OF LOCAL LABO; COST PROBLEM, ESPECIALLY IN FRG AND JAPAN; B) UNSUCCESSFUL RESULT THUS FAR OF SEEKING WORKABLE ALTERNATIVES FROM DOD; C) COMMITTEE'S DETERMINATION TO FIND WAY OUT OF FINANCIAL DILEMMA FOR USG.

4. STAFFERS RECOGNIZED THAT COUNTRY TEAM HAD COME TO GRIPS WITH PROBLEM IN SERIOUS FASHION AND AGREED TO POSTPONE GAO VISIT A REASONABLE LENGTH OF TIME. THEY MADE FOLLOWING REQUESTS RE GAO STUDY: A) GAO SHOULD HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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OPPORTUNITY TO VIST JAPAN FOR STUDY PURPOSES IN LATE 1977 OR NOT LATER THAN JANUARY, 1978; B) COMMITTEE/GAO SHOULD BE KEPT INFORMED OF PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS; C) COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AS MUCH ASSISTANCE AND DATA AS POSSIBLE PROVIDED AT TIME OF VISIT (INCLUDING PERTINENT JOINT US-GOJ STUDIES). STAFFERS ASKED IF EMBASSY COULD COMMENT ON ABOVE BY LATE JUNE, AFTER NEW AMBASSADOR ARRIVES.

5. DEPTOFFS RESPONDED THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS SEEMED TO BE WORKABLE AND REASONABLE. LIEBERMAN SAID HE WOULD NOTIFY GAO IMMEDIATELY TO CANCEL PENDING GAO REQUEST FOR VISIT MAY 31.

6. ACTION REQUESTED. WOULD APPRECIATE EMPASSY COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS REGARDING COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

7. FOR MANILA. CANCELLATION OF GAO VISIT TO JAPAN WILL PROBABLY RESULT IN ADVANCING PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED DATE OF

JULY 26. WILL ADVISE BY SEPTTEL. VANCE

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